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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents, other than U.S. patent documents, are also enclosed.

REMARKS

The following documents were cited in a European Search Report of a foreign counterpart application corresponding to the above-referenced application:

- (1) EP 0 441 350 A;
- (2) EP 0 559 423 A;

(3) JP 6-265807 and Patent Abstracts of Japan; and

(4) JP 6-27404 and Patent Abstracts of Japan.

The European Search Report is dated August 8, 2005. A copy of the European Search Report is enclosed.

Additional English-language Abstracts for the Japanese Laid-Open Patent Applications were obtained from a commercial database, and are also enclosed.

According to the database, U.S. Patent No. 5,652,611 is in the family of JP 6-265807, and U.S. Patent No. 5,411,430 is in the family of JP 6-27404.

#### FORMAL MATTERS


No fee is believed due; however, any fee required in connection with this paper should be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

#### CONCLUSION

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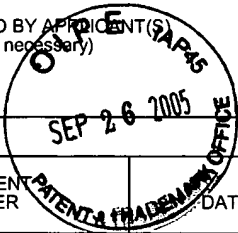
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		August 8, 2005 Search Report in EP 01204171					
	A	Patent Abstracts of Japan, Vol. 018, No. 670 (P-1845), Dec. 16, 1994 (JP 6-265807, Sept. 22, 1994)					
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